



# Arkansas Broadband Council

## MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 1, 2009

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

**John W. Ahlen**

Arkansas Science &  
Technology Authority

**Ed Allis**

AT&T

**Greg Ashcraft**

South Arkansas  
Telephone Company

**Elizabeth Bowles**

Wireless Internet  
Service Providers  
Association

**Dave Burdick**

Pine Bluff Jefferson  
County Library  
System

**Katie McLane Burns**

Arkansas  
Telecommunications  
Association

**Maryce Cunningham**

Suddenlink  
Communications

**Jim Dailey**

Flake & Kelley  
Commercial

**Larry Frazier**

Rural Telcom  
Solutions

**Joe Molinaro**

Arkansas Cable  
Telecommunications  
Association

**Len Pitcock**

Cox Communications

**Wendy Wheeler**

Verizon Wireless

**James Winningham**

Arkansas Insurance  
Department

Meeting was called to order by Katie Burns at 9:40 a.m. at the offices of the Arkansas Telecommunications Association.

### 1. Roll call and introduction of visitors

In attendance:

John Ahlen

Ed Allis

Greg Ashcraft

Dave Burdick

Katie Burns

Maryce Cunningham

Jim Dailey

Larry Frazier

Joe Molinaro

Len Pitcock

Absent:

Elizabeth Bowles

Wendy Wheeler

James Winningham

### 2. Review minutes from previous meetings 6 September 22, 2009 & October 27, 2009

Moved 6 Len Pitcock

Seconded 6 Jim Dailey

Minutes were approved.

### 3. Connect Arkansas update 6 Katie Burns reported for Connect Arkansas

- a. Kim Tran is preparing a piece for the ABC annual report which will reflect Connect Arkansas's activities and the stimulus funds that had been appropriated for mapping and the stimulus funds that had been requested for education and access.
- b. Maryce Cunningham has been attending the Mississippi County e-community meetings. She reported that the process is very involved and time-intensive and that Kim Tran has the process extremely well organized.

### 4. Legislative Committee Update

- a. Jim Dailey urged ABC Legislative Committee members to contact those lawmakers they had been assigned to meet with regarding the Council's mission.
- b. Members are asked to advise Jim about their legislative outreach meetings.

### 5. Annual Report

- a. Discussion was held on the contents of Section VI of the report.
- b. Dave Burdick presented information about the state's libraries.
- c. A special Annual Report meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, at 9:00 am.

### 6. Public input to the council 6 none

7. Other matters of business
  - a. Len Pitcock inquired about Governor Beebe's letter to the NTIA regarding the stimulus funding applications submitted by Arkansas entities. It was reported that the letter will be available at [www.recovery.arkansas.gov](http://www.recovery.arkansas.gov); however, it has not as yet been posted.
  - b. Len requested a review of the Council's method of handling a member's absence from three consecutive regular meetings, as required by Arkansas code 15-16-804. Katie will look into the Council's previous actions in this situation.

Adjournment 6

Moved 6 Jim Dailey

Seconded 6 Greg Ashcraft

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Submitted by Maryce Cunningham